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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Monday, November 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	January 27, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Fran Franklin, PhD, LCSW, Professional Member, **President**  
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Daphne Warner, LCSW, Professional Member  
John Mucha, LCSW, Professional Member  
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member  
Linda Brittingham, LCSW, Professional Member  
Precious Benson, Public Member, **Vice-President**

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Kelly, DAG  
Alison Warren, Administrative Specialist III  
Jessica Hinton Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sonya Tazewell  
Brenda Owens-Wilmoth  
Enrico Stratton-Bey  
Salih  
NGina Owens  
Cha-Tanya Lankford  
Shelby Smith  
Kenneth Dryden  
Dwight Holden  
Johanna Truax  
Philip Thompson

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Franklin called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 21, 2019 Board meeting. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Benson, to approve the October minutes with revisions. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Signed Final Order for Jennifer Dize – LMSW**

Dr. Franklin reviewed and signed the final order for Jennifer Dize.

### **Signed Final Order for Shondell White - LMSW**

Dr. Franklin reviewed and signed the final order for Shondell White

### **Re-Review and Consider Application for Tishara Duffy**

The Board reviewed the additional documentation submitted by Ms. Duffy. Dr. Franklin suggested that Ms. Duffy be granted additional time to submit required documentation. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sewell to allow Ms. Duffy additional time to submit the required documentation. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

### **Proposal to Deny Hearing for Brenda Owens-Wilmoth - LMSW**

Ms. Kelly called the hearing to order at 9:28 a.m. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of the hearing. Ms. Owens-Wilmoth did not appear to meet the statutory requirements pursuant to §3907(7) which states the applicant has not been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to social work or any offense which would limit the applicant's ability to carry out the applicant's professional duties with due regard for the health and safety of clients. Ms. Owens-Wilmoth's application, supporting documentation and all correspondence between the Board and Ms. Owens-Wilmoth were entered into the record as Exhibit 1. Ms. Owens-Wilmoth was present, sworn in and confirmed that she was not being represented by Counsel. Ms. Owens-Wilmoth provided her testimony before the Board. The Board members had an opportunity to question Ms. Owens-Wilmoth. She provided her final comments in closing to the Board. The Board went into public deliberations at 9:51 a.m. Ms. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mucha to approve Ms. Owens-Wilmoth request for a waiver and licensure as a LMSW. By unanimous vote, the motion passed. The hearing concluded at 9:59 a.m.

### **Proposal to Deny Hearing for Sonya Tazewell – LBSW**

Ms. Kelly called the hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of the hearing. Ms. Tazewell did not appear to meet the statutory requirements pursuant to §3907(7) which states the applicant has not been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to social work or any offense which would limit the applicant's ability to carry out the applicant's professional duties with due regard for the health and safety of clients. Ms. Tazewell's application, supporting documentation and all correspondence between the Board and Ms. Tazewell were entered into the record as Exhibit 1. Ms. Tazewell was present, sworn in and confirmed that she was not being represented by Counsel. Ms. Tazewell provided her testimony before the Board. The Board members had an opportunity to question Ms. Tazewell. She provided her final comments in closing to the Board. Ms. Tazewell supervisor, Kimberly Medis-Alvarado was sworn in and gave testimony as a character witness for Ms. Tazewell. The Board went into public deliberations at 10:31 a.m. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sewell to approve Ms. Tazewell's request for a waiver and licensure as a LBSW. By unanimous vote, the motion passed. The hearing concluded at 10:36 a.m.

#### Proposal to Deny Hearing for George X – LMSW

Ms. Kelly called the hearing to order at 10:37 a.m. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of the hearing. Mr. X did not appear to meet the statutory requirements pursuant to §3907(7) which states the applicant has not been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to social work or any offense which would limit the applicant's ability to carry out the applicant's professional duties with due regard for the health and safety of clients. Mr. X's application, supporting documentation and all correspondence between the Board and Mr. X was entered into the record as Exhibit 1. Mr. X was present, sworn in and confirmed that he was not being represented by Counsel. Mr. X requested that his character witnesses give their testimonies prior to his testimony being provided to the Board. Mr. Enrico Stratton-Bey, Mr. Salih and Mr. Dwight Holden were all sworn in and gave testimony to the character of Mr. X. Mr. X provided his testimony before the Board. The Board members had an opportunity to question Mr. X. He provided his final comments in closing to the Board. Mr. X stated he had one more character witness. Mr. Kenneth Dryden was sworn in and gave testimony regarding Mr. X. The Board went into public deliberations at 11:23 a.m. At the close of deliberations Ms. Kelly recalled Mr. X and discussed the options available to Mr. X to get licensed. At that time, Mr. X provided additional documentation for the Board to review. Ms. Kelly suggested that since Mr. X was not prepared for the options presented to him at today's hearing, it was suggested that the hearing be tabled until the January 2020 Board meeting. Mr. X was provided with the opportunity to gather additional documentation to be presented to the Board. Ms. Sewell made a motion to table the hearing, seconded by Ms. Warner. By unanimous vote, the motion passed. The hearing concluded at 12:00 p.m.

#### Proposal to Deny Hearing for NGina Owens – LBSW

Ms. Kelly called the hearing to order at 12:05 p.m. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Kelly advised the purpose of the hearing. Ms. Owens did not appear to meet the statutory requirements pursuant to §3907(7) which states the applicant has not been convicted of a crime that is substantially related to social work or any offense which would limit the applicant's ability to carry out the applicant's professional duties with due regard for the health and safety of clients. Ms. Owens' application, the supporting documentation and all correspondence between the Board and Ms. Owens was entered into the record as Exhibit 1. Ms. Owens was present, sworn in and confirmed that she was not being represented by Counsel. Ms. Owens provided her testimony before the Board. The Board members had an opportunity to question Ms. Owens. Ms. Owens provided her final comments to the Board. The Board went into public deliberations at 12:25 p.m. Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Franklin to approve Ms. Owens' request for a waiver and licensure as a LBSW. By unanimous vote, the motion passed. The hearing concluded at 12:36 p.m.

\*Due to the Board needing additional time to thoroughly review applications Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to table the review and reconsider of the Proposed To Deny (PTD) Applications until the January 2020 board meeting.

1. LMSW Application for Ruth Rono
2. LMSW Application for Deborah McGrath
3. LMSW Application for Kenrick Williams
4. LMSW Application for Nakita Sy
5. LBSW Application for Rosie Johnson
6. LMSW Application for Charlotte Wilson

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Review of LCSW Application

The Board reviewed and approved the LCSW application submitted by Sharon Bernstein. Ms. Warner moved, seconded by Dr. Franklin to approve Sharon Bernstein for licensure. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam

Ms. Brittingham made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gleockler to ratify the application(s) below. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

1. Kathryn Sacharok
2. Christine Leavitt
3. Keina Tirrell
4. Miguel Solis
5. Molly Moore
6. Sandra Billops
7. Lauren Allen

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for ASWB Master Exam

Ms. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner to ratify the application(s) below. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

1. Shari Wismer
2. Kyle Hitchens
3. Sarah Boothe
4. Talia Baldini
5. Carmen Mendez
6. Laura Kantor-Chupp

Ratification of Application(s) for Clinical Social Work Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Sewell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gleockler to ratify the application(s) below. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

1. Shane O'Hare
2. Anthony Purcell Jr.
3. Naomi Pollock
4. Viviana Nijamkin-Acosta

Ratification of Application(s) for Master Social Work Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Warner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sewell to ratify the application(s) below. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

1. Melissa Westfall
2. Elizabeth Kumpf
3. Christine Klimchak-Williams
4. Christine Bain
5. Syreeta Bratton
6. Jashira Miller

Social Work Compact Options

The Board will discuss any updates next month.

Status of Complaints

None

Review of Grandfather Provision Application(s):

\*Due to the amount of applications and the need to thoroughly review all Grandfather Applications, Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner to Table the review of the following applicants for the Grandfather Provision Applications. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

\*Dr. Franklin made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Warner to delegate at least two professional board members to meet on December 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to review Grandfather Provision Applications listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

<b>Grandfather Provision Applications 2019 - Board Review</b>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Application Type</u>	<u>Review Decision</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Anderson, Clint	LMSW		
Ashley, Troy	LMSW		
Belfiore, Dayna	LMSW		
Bell-Miller, Ida	LMSW		
Benton, Amy	LMSW		
Bolger, Donna	LMSW		
Brady, Millie	LMSW		
Carley, Cynthia	LMSW		
Ciamarra, Brandi	LMSW		
Colon, Delilah	LMSW		
Crumbacker, Jessica	LMSW		
Empson, Gwen	LMSW		
Foraker, Holly	LMSW		
Givens, Angela	LBSW		
Gonzalez, Melissa	LMSW		
Gregory, Jennifer	LMSW		
Hammond, Kinyati	LMSW		
Hartsky, Lisa	LMSW		
Hatchett, Alfred	LBSW		
Hazzard, Brittany	LMSW		
Henderson, Gloria	LMSW		
Hewitt, Wynne	LMSW		
Howard, Tiearre	LMSW		
Ilvento, Sarah	LBSW		
Kennedy, Martrice	LMSW		
Kirby, Chrystal	LMSW		
Layfield, Virginia	LMSW		
Lowery, Erik	LMSW		
Lundy, Nicoll	LMSW		
Malone, Latasha	LMSW		
Marcelin, Marie	LMSW		
Marvel, Lisa	LBSW		

Mathu, Benedict	LMSW		
Matthews, Rahsaan	LBSW		
McIntyre, Laniece	LMSW		
Migliore, Joanna	LMSW		
Miles, Gwendolyn	LMSW		
Mills, Albert	LMSW		
Murphy, Julia	LMSW		
Nemeth, Katie	LBSW		
Newsome, Allen	LMSW		
Parker, Brittany	LBSW		
Peoples, Kristen	LMSW		
Peterson, Rosalyn	LMSW		
Petion, Marie	LMSW		
Quick-Smith, Taylor	LMSW		
Ross, Jasmira	LBSW		
Sawyer, Falcia	LMSW		
Shute, Michael	LMSW		
Smith, Emma	LBSW		
Smith, Ruth	LMSW		
Smith, Shelby	LBSW		
Stanley, Chanessa	LMSW		
Stewart, Bianca	LBSW		
Taggart, Donald	LMSW		
Tallyen, Jesse	LBSW		
Taylor, L' Tonya	LMSW		
Tsyganov, Miranda	LMSW		
Tucker, Henry	LMSW		
Wade, Jacquelyn	LMSW		
Webster, Morgan	LBSW		
Wilkerson, Eileen	LMSW		
Woodward-Deputy, Eunice	LMSW		
Wright, Kenyon	LMSW		
O'Neal, Debra	LMSW		

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to present before the Board.

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is January 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Suite 203, Dover, Delaware.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Franklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Warner, to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12.25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jessica Hinton*

Jessica Hinton  
Administrative Specialist II  
Delaware Board of Social Work Examiners

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*